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AFTER CHAVEZ VISIT

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Classified By: Political Minister Counselor Aubrey Carlson. Reasons 1.4
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1. (C) PolOff on September 19 conveyed to MFA Latin American Affairs Department Andean Affairs Division Deputy Director Chen Rongning reftel points regarding the Venezuelan and Bolivian governments' declaring U.S. Ambassadors to those two nations persona non grata on spurious charges. Chen promised to relay the points to his superiors but offered no substantive comment in advance of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez's official visit to China September 23-25.
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